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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: CGB Room 3-B431
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FROM CLOSED CAPTIONING REQUIREMENTS

To Whom It May Concern:

By His Word Christian Center (BHWCC) is a non profit 501 C 3 corporation formed as a church in February of 1984. It is our goal to teach the gospel of Christ to our local community as well as all others that we can touch through media and television.

Our television program, "Living By His Word", airs each Monday morning at 12:30am on the East Coast and 9:30pm on the West Coast. The broadcast airs on a direct satellite system. The program is 28:30 minutes long and is produced almost entirely by a dedicated volunteer staff.

For the reasons set forth below, BHWCC requests the FCC to grant the petition for exemption from closed captioning requirements because of "undue burden".

- 1. We have done some research on the costs associated with the demand of closed captioning. We have found that it would cost us to purchase additional equipment of about \$3,000, and hire a company at \$200 a program to be compliant.
- 2. As a non profit 501 C 3 entity our television program already costs us \$10,000 a year to produce as well as the funds we donate to the non profit company that airs our program for us. We have received less then \$200 from viewers in the last year. Therefore the added expense of over \$10,400 is a burden we cannot maintain.
- 3. Based on the exemptions listed by the FCC, (exemption number 8) we are a locally produced and distributed non-news program with no repeat financial value.
- 4. As exemption number 11 also states; captioning expense would be in excess of 2% of our gross revenue.

With respect, we believe an exemption should be granted for the above stated reasons. If you need more information, please feel free to contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,

John P. Cook Assistant Pastor

By His Word Christian Center

PO Box 110608

Tacoma, WA 98411

253-536-2233

On this day July 18,2006 I witnessed John P. Cook Sign this document.

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SECRETARY OF STATE OF WASHINGTON PR

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PERSONS, acting as the incorporators of a corporation under the provisions of the Washington Non-profit Corporation Act (Revised Code of Washington 24.03), adopt the following articles of incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be BY HIS WORD CHRISTIAN CENTER

ARTICLE II

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

as follows: to establish and maintain a place for worship of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, and to hereby recognize ourselves as a sovereign local church. We desire to provide for Christian fellowship of those of like precious faith, where the Holy Spirit may be honored according to our distinctive testimony; to assume our share of responsibility and the privilege of propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both at home and in foreign lands.

ARTICLE IV

The initial by-laws of the corporation consistent with these articles shall be adopted by its Board of Directors. The by-laws shall specify the manner in which the affairs of the corporation are to-be conducted and the manner in which the by-laws may be amended.

ARTICLE V

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation shall be 5631 So Ferry Suite 2 Tacoma, Wa 98409

The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation shall be Gary A. Steele

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation shall be four directors. The name and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors of the corporation are as follows:

Vame	•	Address:

Charlotte D. Steele
4415 Holly Lane Gig Harbor, Wa 98335
Gary A. Steele
4415 Holly Lane Gig Harbor, Wa 98335
Sue Butler
4415 Holly Lane Gig Harbor, Wa 98335
Sue Butler
4415 Holly Lane Gig Harbor, Wa 98465
Jann Butler
851 S Jackson Tacoma, Wa 98465

ARTICLE VII

The names and address of the incorporators of the corporation are as follows:

	Name	•	<u>Add.</u>	ress	
Jann Butler		851	So Jackson	Tacoma, Wa	98465
Suc Buller	•	851	So Jackson	Tacoma, Wa	98465
Gary A. Stee		4415 ICLE VIII	Holly Lane	Gig Harbor	, Wa 98335

The name of the person or corporation to whom the net assets of the corporation are to be distributed in the event the corporation is dissolved is a successor organization or any other organization devoted to the same purposes as set forth herein for this corporation.

DATED this 2 day	of February , 1983
	Dayortul
Sue III. Butter	
STATE OF WASHINGTON)	

Pierce) ss. County of XENDYSYON)

On this day personally appeared before me Jann T. Butler, Sue M. Butler, Sary A. Steele, and Charlotte D. Steele

to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the within and foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and each of them acknowledged that he signed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this 2 day of Pebruary 1983

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, residing at ** COMPART OF THE PUBLIC OF THE PUBLIC